GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5873
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INCREASE IN BERTH HIRE CHARGES
Patil Shri Balasaheb Vikhe

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kandla Port Trust has approached Tariff Authority for Major Ports to increase inter-alia berth hire charges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) its impact on the financial position of Kandla Port?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Kandla Port Trust had proposed an upward revision of 2Â½% in the berth hire charges. Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP) constituted under the Major Port Trust Act, 1963 as an autonomous statutory body for fixing and revising port tariffs and Scale of Rates in Major Ports considered the proposal of Kandla Port in its meeting held on 25th April, 2005, after following the due process of consultation. The proposal for upward revision in the berth hire was not agreed to.

(c) The additional income on account of proposed increase in berth hire charge would have been about Rs.37.5 lakhs per annum.